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The Honorable Jocelyn G Boyd
Chief Clerk / Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, S.C. 29210

Re: **Docket Number: ND-2021-6-A.** Act No. 17 of 2021 (H.B. 3770) - A Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of Federal Funds Disbursed to the State Pursuant to the Federal "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021" for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; to Create the South Carolina Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to Provide the Manner in Which the Funds Must Be Distributed; to Provide That Certain Colleges and Universities May Contract with Private Parties to Provide Services Related to Certain Federal Employment Tax Credits; and to Provide That the South Carolina State Housing Financing and Development Authority Shall Take Certain Actions to Ensure That Eligible Households and Landlords are Aware of the Program.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina General Assembly and Governor McMaster recently enacted Act No. 17 of 2021 to fund the South Carolina Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("SCERAP"). SCERAP will assist eligible households with rent, utility, and other expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Act 17 provides for an advisory panel to aid with the disbursement of funds from SCERAP, with one seat reserved for a utility industry representative.

South Carolina Water Utilities respectfully requests the Commission appoint Michael Cartin, Director of Business Development for SouthWest Water Company, to the panel as the utility industry representative. Mr. Cartin is highly qualified to serve in this role. He has over a decade of experience in the regulated utility industry and has worked for private and regulatory authorities in the utility industry. In his position with SouthWest Water Company, Mr. Cartin serves the company's South Carolina subsidiaries, Kiawah Island Utility, Inc., Palmetto Utilities, Inc. Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Inc., South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc., and South Carolina Water Utilities – CUC, Inc.

Mr. Cartin began his professional career serving South Carolina with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") from 2008 and through July of 2013. During his tenure at ORS, Mr. Cartin developed a robust knowledge base and skill set, which provide him with unique perspectives and insights that the SCERAP Advisory Panel would find beneficial.

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Besides his experience with SCORS, Mr. Cartin has worked in the private water utility sector for the past seven years in many roles in finance, accounting, operations management, external affairs, and now in corporate development. He brings a well-rounded understanding of the utility industry and how the SCERAP Advisory Panel might best serve and assist South Carolina citizens.

To complement his professional experience, Mr. Cartin is a lifelong South Carolina resident and a double alumnus of the University of South Carolina, and honors graduate of the Darla Moore School of Business's Master of Business Administration program. He remains passionate about serving the state of South Carolina through civic engagement. Mr. Cartin is a lifelong volunteer with the Special Olympics.

Given his professional experience and passion for civic engagement, South Carolina Water Utilities believes Mr. Cartin would be invaluable in assisting the SCERAP and respectfully requests his consideration for service on the Advisory Panel.

Regards,



Craig Sorensen
President